

sent Session, brought to maturity two important Statutes affecting Lower Canada, one for the consolidation of the Municipal Law, the other to make further provision for the Administration of Justice therein.

"Looking forward with pride and satisfaction to the approaching visit to Canada of the eldest son of our beloved Queen, we have authorized Your Excellency to incur whatever expense may be necessary for the suitable entertainment of His Royal Highness, as the guest of this Province, and we rejoice at the prospect which has been afforded to us of meeting together to welcome in person this illustrious Prince, and of expressing the sentiments of loyalty and affection to our Sovereign, Her Throne and family, which so eminently characterize the people we represent.

"I have now to offer to Your Excellency a Bill appropriating the sums voted for the service of the year, to which I respectfully solicit Your Excellency's assent."

His Excellency assented to the bill.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL was pleased to close the Third Session of the Sixth Provincial Parliament with the following

SPEECH :

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

"Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

"The time has come when I am able to release you from the labors of the Session, and I think that I may express satisfaction at the result of your deliberations.

"The prosperity of the country is reviving.—The measures which you have sanctioned for extending our trade, and facilitating the free navigation of the St. Lawrence, involving as they do, some sacrifice, will contribute, in the end, to increase our resources.

"The establishment of a Free Port at the Eastern and at the Western extremity of Canada will attract commerce to our shores, and must hasten the settlement of districts hitherto waste and unproductive. The Fisheries of the Gulf, and the Mining interests of the Upper Lakes, will benefit greatly by these liberal measures.

"You have destroyed the last remnants of the Seigniorial Tenure, which remained in a few fiefs in the district of Montreal. The Act for improving the administration of Justice in Lower

Canada, will cause the expense of juries to be defrayed from local funds. This change, and the completion of the system of the Registration of instruments affecting land will have carried a step further the assimilation of the laws in force in either section of the Province.

"You have completed two steps necessary for adding the Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada to the body of the Statutes of Canada and Upper Canada, already promulgated in a compact form; and you have brought into a more convenient shape the Municipal law affecting the Eastern section of the Province.

"All these are steps tending to strengthen that bond of union which I believe to be essential to the progress and the future greatness of your country.

"I should add, that the Common School Law of Upper Canada, has been amended and improved, and that a Bill will be submitted for the assent of Her Most Gracious Majesty, providing for the future administration of Indian Affairs by the Provincial Government.

"The terms of this enactment are such as to shew a desire to uphold the rights, and protect the property, of those most nearly concerned in it; and I cannot doubt, but that, if sanctioned, its provisions will be carried out in perfect good faith by the Executive Government of Canada.

"Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly ;

"I congratulate you on the successful steps taken for consolidating the Public Debt, and on the saving which will be effected by the investment of the Sinking Fund, in securities of a different description. I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the public service, and I earnestly hope that the temporary depression of our finances, may disappear in the course of the current year.

"Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :

"There is one subject on which I have not yet touched, and that is the promised visit to this Province of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Your invitation has been most graciously responded to by Our Queen, and your reception of Her son will now shew the warmth of those feelings which dictated the Address of last Session, and the deep sense of loyalty to the Throne, and of love for the laws and institutions of Great Britain, which animate the population of Canada."